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METHODS FOR THE MODULATION OF THE
EXPRESSION OF B7 PROTEIN

AMENDMENT

MS AF
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following:

Listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 4 of this paper.